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NOBODY COMING TO-NIGHT.

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Crossing the level meadows, Through the ricks of the fragrant hay, Her neighbor is faring homeward After a toiling day. A sweet little wife is waiting With a kiss at the cottage door, And baby will toddle to meet him Over the kitchen floor.

In the lane, with its vines a-tangle, And its shadows like broken light, A fair girl waits for her lover, Who surely is coming to-night. Her gown is a fleecy of silver, With ribbons of daintiest blue, And her eyes are a color to match them, So cloudless their violet hue.

The aged face at the window, All graven with patient lines, Takes note of the sweet girl's gladness, Revealed by so many signs: No envy her heart is stirring, As the glimmer of sunshine pales, For her loved ones are safe in the city Where never the glory fails.

Once there were little children Who called her "mother," ah, sweet! This old house rang to the music Of their merry, romping feet. There was once a forlorn beside her, A face that never grew old; Her own, in its manly beauty, Her own, with its hair of gold.

Now, in the grass-grown church-yard, And deep in the restless sea, Are the dear ones who filled the homestead With the sound of their boisterous glee. Ah, now it is very silent, To watch the faraway light, As it melts in the starlit heavens, When nobody's coming to-night.

By the bare of the western window, By the key of the evening star, Her thought climbs up to the meaning Of the beautiful poem afar: There is wonderful bliss awaiting, In the regions of shadowless light, The soul that is peaceful and patient— But nobody's coming to-night.

—Margaret E. Sangster, in Youth's Companion.

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Driven From Sea to Sea; Or, JUST A CAMPIN'.

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CHAPTER XXV.—CONTINUED.

It was but a little after three o'clock when it began to rain; but so thick were the clouds that it seemed as if night were already at hand. Johnny had dropped off into a light sleep, and she sat by the window that commanded a view of the garden, the level ground with the ravine below, and the hills stretching away towards Phippsburg and the river. The rain came down in torrents, and she noticed how quickly little rills formed and ran down between the rows and vegetables in the garden, and lost themselves in the stubble field beyond. The turkeys and chickens, deceived by the unusual darkness, had all sought their roosts, except here and there one who had been late about getting in and now stood with drooping tail feathers and a generally demoralized look beneath the thick leaves of some shrub or vine.

Then it occurred to her to save for washing purposes some of the water that was falling, soft water being a luxury during half the year on the mountain; and she threw an old shawl about her head and shoulders and went out and set the wash-tub and boiler under the eave spout, and saw them filled almost before she could turn back into the kitchen.

And now Johnny had awakened and was calling her. She went to him and felt her heart give a great throb as she noticed that his fever was higher than ever, and that his eyes had a strange look about them. She preserved her calm appearance, ministered to his wants, and when he asked for his father, told him that he had not returned, and that they must not look for him yet awhile, but that he would come by and by.

During a partial lull in the storm she ran out to the shed and milked the cows, which had come up of their own accord, and were contentedly chewing their cuds beneath the shelter. The horse left at home stood in his stall, and kept turning his ears back and sideways, as if to catch the sound of his returning mate, and she set her milk pail on the ground and threw him a bit of hay.

Returning to the house she lighted both of the lamps and took them into the sitting-room where Johnny lay, in order to make it seem as cheerful as possible. She had kept the wood-box

full of dry wood all day, and now she prepared everything for the starting of a fire in the cook stove, and a little later, started it, and put the tea-kettle on.

Although it was quite dark now, she did not much expect her husband just yet, but wished to have everything ready to get him a cup of hot tea the moment he did come. She also brought out a suit of dry clothes and hung them by the fire ready for him to put on.

She could still see a little distance through the deepening gloom, and she observed that the water had cut bits of gulleys between the potato rows, and that the stubble field below had the appearance of having become a lake. The rain, too, instead of decreasing as the night set in, was, if possible, falling faster than ever; and she could hear a faint roar coming up from the ravine, and knew that soon the water would be rushing through it in great volume, and with a force that would overwhelm any living thing caught in its path; and a half dozen such ravines crossed the road over which her husband must pass in coming from Phippsburg.

She shuddered as she listened, and turning away, went and sat down by Johnny's crib and tried to interest him by reading a little story from a child's paper. But the boy was too sick to care for hearing her read; he wanted his father, and kept asking when he would come, to which she could only reply that they might look for him any moment now, but that the rain might make him late, and they must be patient.

And so the hours wore on and the rain continued to fall, while every moment the weight at her heart grew heavier and more oppressive. Johnny slept fitfully, waking every few moments and always asking "If father had not come yet," or "if his mother thought father would come home pretty soon now," until the sudden clap of thunder came, at which he was seized with an awful fright and screamed again and again with all the force of his weak lungs. Even his mother was startled late an involuntary exclamation by the suddenness of the concussion, and for an instant she thought the cottage had been caught in a land slide. She controlled herself at the sound of the child's cry, and bending down, lifted him tenderly in her arms, ending his poor wasted form to her breast as if he had been but a babe. It was only with difficulty that she checked his screams, and even then he was so fearful and nervous, and sobbed and heaved so piteously for his father, that it was only by calling to her aid all the fortitude which she possessed, that Martha Parsons was herself enabled to keep from breaking down.

It was an hour before Johnny was sufficiently calm to be again laid in his crib. As soon as she could leave his side for a moment, she went to the window and tried to peer out into the darkness. She had placed one of the lamps in the window some hours before, hoping that it might prove a beacon to guide her husband if he was still living, which she was almost ready to doubt, so utterly desolate all things seemed.

Pressing her face close to the glass she endeavored to penetrate the awful gloom; but could only see for a few feet into the darkness. The rays of light from the lamps had power to penetrate no further. It seemed to her, as she stood there, straining her eyes in a vain effort to see, that the darkness was a living thing, and that it devoured the rays of light bodily, or contended with them and slew them as they strove to make headway against the night. When the lamp burned low for an instant, and the light sent out through the window was less strong, she was almost sure she saw the darkness put out its hands and grasp the rays of light and strangle them.

Mingled with the steady swish of the falling rain, the roar of the water rushing through the ravine now came clear and distinct, and knowing it was all one's life was worth to attempt to cross it, she gave up all hope of seeing her husband that night, if ever again, and only prayed that he might be in a place of safety, and out of the reach of the elements that appeared as if about to swallow up the mountains.

It was a little past midnight, and she lay on an uncomfortable sofa near the fire, and thought of the many things that had happened since she had last seen her husband. She thought of the many things that had happened since she had last seen her husband. She thought of the many things that had happened since she had last seen her husband.

breast. Was it possible, after all, that John had returned; that he had passed safely through the darkness and the floods and reached home at last? Yes, there was the sound of the horse walking past the window at the upper end of the house, where Mr. Parsons was in the habit of riding through to the stable.

"Poor dear, what an awful time he must have had coming through the storm," she said, softly, as she rose hurriedly and went to light the lantern. Opening the kitchen door she held the lantern in a way which she hoped would afford her husband some assistance in putting out his animal; if not, would at least help him in getting to the house. She heard the whinny with which the horse in the stable welcomed his returned mate, and expected every moment to hear the stable door open and close, and the footsteps of her husband as he made his way towards her.

After waiting several moments and hearing nothing further she began to be frightened and finally called softly: "John! John!"

Getting no reply, she caught up an old garment of some kind, threw it about her shoulders, and holding the lantern above her head made her way through the rain to the stable. The horse which her husband had ridden stood at the door waiting to be let in, but she could see nothing of his rider. She listened a moment and then again called—low at first and then with all her might.

"John! O-o-h John!" The weary, drenched and mind-battered horse lifted his head and gave a low whinny, but no answer came to her call.

"John! O-o-h John!" She listened; but only the swish of the rain, falling in literal sheets, and the dull roar of the swollen waters in the ravine below, reached her ears. And now she noticed that the horse's bridle-rein was dragging. Had he thrown his master, or had John dismounted in order to better see his way, and by some means persuaded the animal to escape him?

She examined the bridle-rein and found it broken, and she felt certain that the horse had thrown her husband; and afterwards stepped upon the reins and broken it.

Then John was dead. The father of her crippled boy, her companion for so many years, was drowned. It might be in the angry waters that even now were pouring through the gorge with the roar of a demon. Or he was lying on the road, cold and still, with his eyes staring up into the blackness of heaven, the pitiless rain beating upon his face.

Such were the thoughts that hurried their way through the brain of Martha Parsons as she stood dumbly looking at the broken rein by the dim light of the lantern. The impatient pawing of the horse, demanding to be let under shelter, recalled her to a knowledge of her surroundings, and quite mechanically she opened the stable door. The horse entered, rubbed his nose against that of his fellow and began at once to eat from the bin in front of him. Parsons followed him in, removed the saddle and bridle, and taking the lantern from the floor where she had set it, retraced her steps through the storm to the house.

Fortunately, Johnny had not awakened sufficiently to note her absence, and was unaware of the return of the horse without his father, and she could sit down and think what to do. What could she do? Over and over again she asked herself this question. It was two miles to the nearest neighbors, and between rain the gorge, in attempting to cross which, perhaps, John had lost his life. It was too dark to see more than a few feet ahead of one even by the aid of a lantern, and if that were to go out, it would leave her in utter inability to return. Besides, there was the sick child, who would scream himself to death if he awakened and found himself alone in the house. And just then he did awaken, and she went to him, and gave him the water he asked for, and induced him to again close his eyes and sleep, doing it all without showing the terrible agony at her heart, or saying a word about the return of the horse without his rider.

To be continued.

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## DEATH OF VICE PRESIDENT HENDRICKS.

While our paper was in press on Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, the illustrious man whose name heads this short notice died suddenly and peacefully at his residence in Indianapolis, of paralysis of the heart and brain. The sad intelligence reached Louisa on the morning of the 26th, while all were feeling the glow of thankfulness on the National holiday and all men, were saddened by the mournful news, save one or two in whose hearts the venom of malice, doubly distilled, still lurks. We intend no ganegry on this lamented Vice President. We simply say he was a good man, a hero, a statesman, and in recognition of these qualities the Democratic party had exalted him to the second place in the Nation.

The death of Mr. Hendricks renders it possible for the Republican party to have one of its members fill the Vice Presidential chair, and that a Republican Senate, with a majority of eight, will fail to elect one of this political faith we cannot hope. The most prominent candidates are said to be Edmunds, Logan and Sherman, named in the order of their popularity. In our opinion Edmunds will not be the successful man, if Blaine has any friends in the United States Senate. During the National campaign of '84 Edmunds was mute as an oyster, although repeatedly solicited to take the stump for the Republican nominee, or even simply say through the press that he endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Blaine.

Black Jack Logan, if he has as much pride as a tumble bug, will not be a candidate, and that narrows the popular list to John Sherman. Sherman will take anything, if it be wrapped in a bloody shirt, and nothing would afford him greater pleasure than to preside over the Senate and by all possible means block the wheels of Democratic legislation. It is possible that at this juncture of political affairs serious complications may arise, and the Congress of the United States will do well to make such enactments as will put to rest forever the question of Presidential succession in various contingencies.

It gives us great pleasure to announce in this issue of the Big Sandy News the candidacy of Stephen Girard Kinner for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for this Criminal District, subject to the action of a Democratic Convention. And it gives us equal pleasure to be able to write in terms of the highest commendation of the gentlemen who now offers himself for a re-election to the responsible position which for many years he has so ably filled. Although young as a man he is old as a lawyer and prosecutor, and the vigor of health and strength unite with experience and skill. And while he is by this happy combination enabled to cope successfully with the bright lights of the bar, his sterling integrity as an officer of the Commonwealth lifts him high above the suspicion of official wrong doing. In short we have always regarded Girard Kinner as a model Commonwealth attorney. We predict that he will be nominated and elected.

King Alphonso, of Spain, died last week of dissipation and disease.

If the Democrats instead of the Republicans, had the election of a Vice President our vote would be for Senator Beck, if he were eligible.

The President has his annual message in type and has read the proof. The first message of a Democratic President, the first in twenty-five years, will be looked for and read with unusual interest.

President Cleveland, acting upon the suggestions of representatives of both political parties, will not attend the funeral of the Vice President. Cranks, with the deadly knife and the ready revolver, are abroad in the land, and against railroad accidents there is no law.

The Chancellor of the Louisville Chancery Court has decided that the Masonic Temple Company is a charitable association, having for one of its beneficiaries the Masonic Widow's and Orphan's Home. It is therefore exempt from taxation. This decision of the Chancellor will greatly increase the revenues of the Home.

We notice that some of our Central Kentucky exchanges are speaking favorably of Frank Owens, of Maysville, as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. The writer of this has known Mr. Owens over a quarter of a century, and is glad to testify to his high moral worth and character, we doubt, however, that he has any political aspirations whatever.

The steamer Emma Graham was sunk in the Ohio river at Ripley Landing, near Parkersburg, last Thursday night, and several deck hands and deck passengers were swept into the river and lost. In swinging into the landing the boat struck a barge loaded with staves. This crushed in her starboard side, and she sank in twenty-feet of water.

The colored people of Kentucky held a convention at Lexington last Friday. A large number attended, every District in the State being represented. The object of the convention was to prepare a bill of rights for the consideration of the next Legislature. They want additional rights and privileges—not social equality, but a fair chance

before the law. They also ask that the laws be so changed as to allow the organization of negro militia companies upon the same basis as those already organized. The probabilities are that the laws will not be so changed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—There is much speculation here about the probable choice of the Republican members of the Senate for President pro tem. of the Senate. The impression that Senator Edmunds does not desire the honor of the position is becoming more general. "Senator Allison," the Critic says this evening, "is authority for the statement that the question of the Presidency of the Senate is not likely to be formally considered until next Thursday or Friday evening, when a caucus of Republican Senators will be held. One of the most prominent and conservative Republican Senators said to-day that he had no doubt that the Presidency of the Senate would go to the West by caucus nomination. Senator Edmunds can undoubtedly have the Presidency of the Senate if he seeks it, but I am almost certain he does not. If he is not a candidate, Senator Logan is much more likely to be chosen than any other. The Republican party has expressed its desire that Senator Logan should preside over the sessions of the Senate, and that fact should have a great weight with Republican Senators. My judgment would be that Senator Logan will be chosen President pro tem. if he desires to be."

It was currently rumored to-day that Senator Logan had opened an active canvass for the Presidency of the Senate, but this was equally positively denied.

One prominent Senator said: "Senator Edmunds, Logan or Sherman would not make anything like a canvass in his own favor. The Senate is a peculiarly conservative body, and its leaders are dignified and conservative men, particularly in matters pertaining to the Senate itself. Senator Logan will not tell his colleagues that he desires to be elected, if such be the case, unless they ask him."

Senator Sherman's friends are confident that he will be selected if he permits it to be understood that he would accept the position.

The Democratic Senator to whom the complimentary vote for President pro tem. will be given is not known. There are very few Democratic Senators in the city, and among them Senator Harris, of Tennessee, is about the only person mentioned in that connection. Senator Cockrill says the Presidency of the Senate is in much doubt. He assumes that it will be a Republican, and either Edmunds, Logan or Sherman. Senator Gibbons says a Republican will of course be elected, but he does not know who. Senators Morgan, Jones (Ark.) and Ransom think Edmunds will again be President of the Senate.

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it may be the vernacular of the lumbermen and "moonshiners" of the mountains, who are without a literature. Be this as it may, there is nothing peculiar to Kentuckians in the point of vocabulary, while any differences in pronunciation or intonation will be impossible to commit to paper, unless it be in caricature.—Louisville Commercial.

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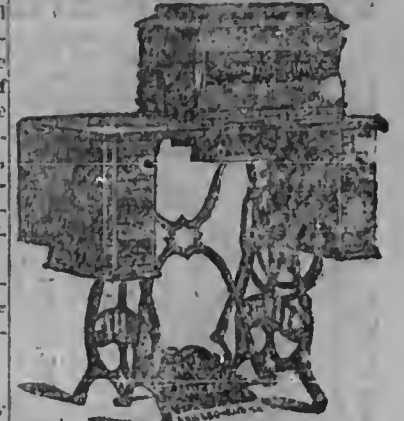
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